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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana department of transportation to designate the part of Interstate 65 that runs through Indiana as the 65th Infantry Division Memorial Highway.

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Whereas, United States Army infantry divisions have fought in every one of our nation's major and minor conflicts since the American Revolution;

Whereas, Many of these brave Americans have made the ultimate sacrifice by laying down their lives so that Americans can remain free;

Whereas, The 65th Infantry Division, whose nickname is Battle Axe, was activated on August 16, 1943, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, under the command of Major General Stanley E. Reinhart;

Whereas, The 65th Infantry Division, the last combat unit sent to fight in Europe during World War II, landed at Le Havre, France, January 21, 1945;

Whereas, After their arrival in France, soldiers of the 65th Infantry Division saw bitter fighting in numerous battles as they moved through Germany and into Austria, where they met the Soviet army in May 1945;

Whereas, The 65th Infantry Division liberated the Herbruck and Ohrdruf concentration camps and had members who served as military personnel during the Nuremberg War trials;



Whereas, The soldiers of the 65th Infantry Division received numerous awards for their bravery and courage, including one Congressional Medal of Honor, four Distinguished Service Crosses, 11 Legion of Merit medals, 67 Silver Stars, four Soldier's Medals, 690 Bronze Stars, and 19 Air Medals;

Whereas, At the end of 55 days in combat, 233 soldiers from the 65th Infantry Division had been killed, 929 were wounded, 99 were missing, and 13 were captured; and

Whereas, It is fitting that the members of this illustrious division be honored and remembered for the role they played in making the world safe for future generations: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to show its
- 2 gratitude to the members of the 65th Infantry Division by providing a
- 3 permanent reminder of the sacrifices that were made by this division
- 4 in order that peace could be returned to the world.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly requests the
- 6 Indiana department of transportation to designate the part of Interstate
- 7 65 that runs through Indiana as the 65th Infantry Division Memorial
- 8 Highway.
- 9 SECTION 3. That the copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
- 10 Secretary of the Senate to the commissioner of the Indiana department
- 11 of transportation.

